(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank had decided last year to allocate funds for soil conservation project to encourage farmers to grow VETIVER grass which can check soil erosion;

(b) whether the funds allocated for this purpose has been received so far; and

(c) if so, the States where these projects are being implemented and the amount allocated to each project;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The World Bank has suggested growing of Vetiver grass by farmers as contour guidelines for checking soil erosion in the Watershed Management Projects being aided by the World Bank. However, no specific funds have been allocated for growing Vetiver grass.

(b) and (c) Two World Bank assisted projects namely (i) Himalayan Watershed Management Project in Uttar Pradesh with a total allocation of Rs. 65.5 crores and (ii) Pilot Project for Watershed Development in Rainfed Areas in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra with a total allocation of Rs. 44.3 crores are under implementation. Feasibility of growing Vetiver grass in the project areas has been taken up on experimental basis by the participating States from 1986-87.

Approval of the Expelled Members of Group Housing Societies by the Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Delhi

2157. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases forwarded by the various Group Housing Societies in Delhi to the Registrar of Cooperative Societies for approval of the expulsion of their respective members who have persistently defaulted in the payment of instalments demanded by the Societies from time to time during the last three years together with the dates;

(b) the number of cases disposed of by the Registrar together with the dates;

(c) the number of cases in which the expelled membeds finally went in appeal to the higher authority against the decision of the Registrar; and

(d) the date on which the appellate authority finaly disposed of the cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Awards to GCMMF and GSFC

2158. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that both GCMMF and GSFC had won productivity awards as reported in the 'Times of India' of 16th February, 1987;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the GCMMF is only a marketing federation and not producers fedration and if so, whether national productivity award was given on performance in marketing;

(c) whether Anand Model is based on 3 tier Cooperative system of producers, if so, whether Amul has adopted so far this Model itself and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether GCMMF is headed by a farmer and, if so, since when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and the same will be placed on the Table of the House.

(c) Anand Model is based on 3 tier cooperative structure. Amul is a brand name of Kaira District Cooperative Milk Producers Union Ltd.

(d) No, Sir.

Announcement Re-Government Business for the week Commencing 17th March 1987

THE MINISTER of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): With your permission, Sir, I rise to announce that Government Business in this House during the remaining part of the Session, will consist of:—

1. Consideration and return of the following Appropriation Bills, as passed by Lok Sabha:

(a) The Appropriation Bill, 1987.

(b) The Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1987.

(c) The Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill, 1987.

2. Discussion on the Resolution seeking disapproval of the Delhi Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Ordinance, 1987, and consideration and passing of the Delhi Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 1987.

3. Consideration and return of the Cotton Copra and Vegetable Oils cess (Abolition) Bill 1987, as passed by Lok Sabha.

4. Discussion on the Resolution seeking approval of the draft Ministers (Allowances, Medical Treatment and other Privileges) Rules, 1987.

5. General discussion on the Railway Budget for 1987-88.

6. Consideration and return of the following Appropriation Bills, as passed by Lok Sabha:

(a) The Appropriation (Railways) Bill, 1987.

(b) The Appropriation (Railways) No. 2 Bill, 1987.

(c) The Appropriation (Railways) No. 3 Bill, 1987.

7. Discussion on the Resolution regarding Railway Convention Committee Report.

Re. Letter Appearing in Indian Express of 13-3-87 purported to have been written by the President to the ... Prime Minister

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Jaswant Singh.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH (Rajasthan): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I must express my gratitude to you for the consideration shown by you in permitting me to make mention of a matter which is of common concern to all of us.

Sir, I refer to this morning's Indian Express which has reproduced a letter purporting to be a copy of one addressed by the President to the Prime Minister.

During the course of his reply to the debate on the President's Address to the Parliament, the Prime Minister had advocated that the office of the President be kept above politicking and that he as the Prime Minister had faithfully kept the President advised on all issues and he had fulfilled all his constitutional obligations in that respect.

The letter which has been carried by the Indian Express raises a number of issues vitally affecting the nation. The work of Parliament is, of course, directly drawn in on account of the